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ON CYPRUS

1. SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE UNSC WAS PROMINENTLY
REPORTED IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS DEC 11. TREATMENT STRESSED
UN'S EFFORTS TO GET EARLY RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS
AND TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH TURKISH AUTHORITIES CONCERNING
UNFICYP PRESENCE IN NORTH. COMMUNIST DAILY HARAVGHI TITLED
STORY: "WALDHEIM TAKES NO STAND - COLORLESS, 'NEUTRAL' REPORT."

2. HARAVGHI DEC 12 REGRETTE REPORT "DOES NOT CORRESPOND
WITH SERIOUSNESS AND SPECIFICITY OF MOST RECENT UN RESOLUTION
....SECRETARY GENERAL HAS A DUTY TO GIVE THE UNSC A COMPLETE
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AND UP-TO-DATE PICTURE....WE DO NOT EXPECT A 'BIASED' PICTURE

FROM HIM....BUT WE ARE JUSTIFIED IN ASKING FOR A COURAGEOUS AND ALTOGETHER OBJECTIVE REPORT." DEC 13 WEEKLIES FOCUSED CRITICALLY ON REPORT. PRO-MAKARIOS DEMOKRATIKI AND PRO-LYSSARIDES ANEXARTITIS DESCRIBED REPORT AS "COLORLESS, ODORLESS AND TASTELESS' BECAUSE IT FAILED TO CONDEMN TURKS "EVEN WHEN TURKEY'S GUILT IS OBVIOUS." INDEPENDENT KYPROS CALLED REPORT "MERE RECORD OF EVENTS ON CYPRUS" WHICH WOULD SERVE A MORE USEFUL PURPOSE IF "RESPONSIBILITY HAD BEEN ASSIGNED FOR THE DEADLOCK OF THE TALKS AND THE TENSION IN THE BUFFER ZONE." PRO-CLERIDES ALITHIA NOTED WALDHEIM'S WARNING THAT PROLONGATION OF PRESENT SITUATION WILL ONLY RESULT IN FUTURE DIFFICULTIES AND PAPER THEREFORE WONDERED IF THE LONG STRUGGLE POLICY IS REALLY THE BEST WAY TO PURSUE A JUST SETTLEMENT.

3. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS HAS NOT YET FOCUSED EDITORIALY ON UNSYG'S CYPRUS REPORT. HOWEVER, PAPERS DID CARRY REACTION OF TURK CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH, WHO TOOK EXCEPTION TO SYG'S STATEMENTS ON SITUATION OF GREEKS IN THE NORTH AND ON ABL QUESTION. "THE SO-CALLED EXODUS OF GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM THE NORTH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ACCESS OF UNFICYP TO THE NORTH," SAID DENKTASH. "THIS ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM IS CONNECTED WITH THE AGREEMENT TO BE MADE BETWEEN OUR STATE AND UNFICYP ON THE RIGHTS AND STATUS OF THE FORCES IN THE NORTH." DENKTASH ALSO STATED THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE LEAVING THE NORTH OF THEIR OWN WILL AND AT THEIR OWN PACE; NOTED THAT "ESSENCE" OF VIENNA III ACCORD WAS TO ACCEPT FREEDOM OF GREEKS TO MOVE SOUTH AND TURKS TO MOVE NORTH; AND ALLEGED THAT GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERS WERE MAKING PROPAGANDA ON THE ISSUE. ON THE BUFFER ZONE, DENKTASH SAID THAT THE AGREEMENT WITH SYG'S REPRESENTATIVE ON CYPRUS DID NOT EXACTLY SQUARE WITH SYG'S REPORT, NOTING THAT THIS WAS A MATTER FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION IN CYPRUS AND NOT FOR DECISION IN NEW YORK.

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